

### **REMARKS**

The February 13, 2006 Office Action includes an Election of Species Requirement that indicates that this application contains claims directed to two (2) patentably distinct species. More specifically, Applicants are required to elect one of the following patentably distinct groups/species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Species I - Figures 1-14; and  
Species II - Figure 15-21;

Additionally, the Office Action indicates that currently, no claims are considered to be generic to the two (2) patentably distinct species.

In response, Applicants hereby elect *Species I* illustrated in Figures 1-14 *without traverse*. Applicants believe that claims 1-4, 9-20 and 25-30 read on the elected Species I. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 1-4, 9-20 and 25-30. Claims 5-8 and 21-24 are believed to be directed to a non-elected species. Thus, these claims 5-8 and 21-24 can be withdrawn from consideration in this case. However, Applicants respectfully request that these non-elected claims be rejoined in this application and considered upon the allowance of a generic and/or linking claim in accordance with U.S. patent practice.

#### ***New Claims***

Applicants have added new dependent claims 31-36 by the current Amendment. New claims 31-33 depend from independent claim 15, while new claims 34-36 depend from independent claim 1. Applicants believe that claims 31, 32, 34 and 35 read on the elected Species I. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 31, 32, 34 and 35. Claims 33 and 36 are believed to be directed to a non-elected species. Thus, these claims 33 and 36 can be withdrawn from consideration in this case. However, Applicants respectfully request that these non-elected claims be rejoined in this application and considered upon the allowance of a generic and/or linking claim in accordance with U.S. patent practice. The arrangements of new claims

***Comments on Amendments***

In response to the February 13, 2006 Office Action, Applicants have amended the specification and claims as indicated above. Also, Applicants have added new claims 31-36 as indicated above. Thus, claims 1-36 are pending, with claims 1 and 15 being the only independent claims. Basically, Applicants have amended the specification and claims to avoid a possible interpretation where direct contact between the cable fixing member/structure, the inner wire, and/or the support member/structure is/are required. Applicants believe no new matter has been added by the foregoing Amendments.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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